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NOTES AND NEWS.

The preliminary circular announcing the Eighth Annual Meetings, London, of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (of which the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church in Ireland is an integral section) to be held on Monday, May 4th, to Thursday, May 7th, 1936, has been issued. Hospitality is offered to Ministers for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

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"Integral section" means that our Church retains its own identity, and is a complete, entire, self-governing body, with its own courts and its own Code of Discipline, and that its association with this Assembly is purely voluntary.

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The Domestic Mission is worthy of all the attention and support that it can obtain. Whatever the original purpose of the Mission was, as it is to-day, it is deserving of the the status of a congregation within the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church, for intellectualy and socially it is quite on a level with an average country congregation.

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The year is advancing rapidly. In June will terminate the Moderatorship of Dr. A. L. Agnew, who during his term of office has made the Church realise that it has a Moderator, and he richly deserves an encore. North, south, east and west, Dr. Agnew with his wonderful vim and energy has infused new life wherever he has gone. We congratulate him on keeping such good health, and assure him of hearty good wishes.

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The 197th meeting of the Ministers' Conference was held at "The Carlton," Belfast, on Monday, March 9th. A welcome was extended to the Rev. Frederic Munford, B.A., Barrister-at-Law. The Rev. W. Eakin presided. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 20th, the Rev. R. N. Cross, M.A., chairman.

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The General Synod of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland will meet this year in Dublin.

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The Rev. John Hinkins, M.A., Bradford, Manchester, has accepted the call to Crumlin.

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The ordination of the Rev. C. Simpson will take place at Balee on Wednesday, 6th May

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"I am better known to most of you as the Prince of Wales: as a man who during the war and since has had the opportunity of getting to know the people of nearly every country of the world, under all conditions and circumstances.

"And, although I now speak to you as the King, I am still that same man who has that experience and whose constant effort it will be to continue to promote the well-being of his fellow-men."

SUBSIDY FUND.

Contributions should be addressed to the Manager, Rev. A. Davison, Dromore, by whom they will be gratefully acknowledged.

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INSTALLATION OF REV. F. MUNFORD, B.A.

There was a good congregation at Mountpottinger on Wednesday night, March 4th, when the Bangor Presbytery conducted the service.

The initial portion of this was entrusted to the Moderator of the Presbytery (Rev. J. J. Magill, B.A.), whilst the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. McCleery, B.A., who also put the necessary questions to the candidate and the people.

Rev. John Barron gave the exposition of Church Order and the installation prayer was delivered by Rev. J. A. Kelly.

The charge to the Minister was delivered by Rev. J. D. Davies, whilst that to the people came from Rev. P. Godding.

A prayer and the benediction by the Rev. F. Munford concluded the service.

A period of social intercourse in the School Room followed the service, and tea was served by members of the Mountpottinger Branch of the Women's League.

Presbyterian Church Government.

Exposition by Rev. J. Barron at Installation of Rev. F. Munford at Mountpottinger.

As defined by Acts of Parliament, Presbyterian Government is by Church Sessions, Presbyteries, Provincial Synods, and where the area covered requires it, a General Assembly. The first care of the Sovereign on opening his reign is to swear and subscribe that he shall maintain and preserve Presbyterian Church Government and the worship, discipline, rights and privileges of the Church of Scotland, and particularly by an Act for securing Presbyterian Church Government.

In legal matters connected with the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland, the ultimate terms of reference are with the Church of Scotland.

The Presbytery which has sanctioned and now officiates at this installation is the Presbytery of Bangor of the Remonstrant Synod of Ulster. The Remonstrant Synod claims to be the continuation of the old General Synod of Ulster, by virtue of the fact that it has retained unaltered as its constitution the old constitution of the General Synod of Ulster, which permitted subscription or non-subscription to the standard of faith to be optional on the part of the ordained and, by implication also, the congregation which had given the call. Minister and congregation had the right to decline to subscribe if they choose; but the minister of his own free-will at the invitation of the Presbytery could make a declaration of his religious beliefs.

Over a century ago there developed a movement to compel all ministers who had not subscribed to the standards of faith, viz., The Westminster Confession of Faith, "The Larger and Shorter Catechism," to do so.

Dr. Montgomery and others maintained that as they had not been asked to do so at their ordinations they need not be expected to do so at that hour of the day, hence the Remonstrant Synod of Ulster in defence of whose rights special Acts of Parliament were passed. Its ministers are recognised by the Government as Presbyterian ministers. Later on an Association was formed by the addition of an older Synod or Presbytery, the Presbytery of Antrim, and also the Synod of Munster. From that developed the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland. The Association included also any Free Christian Churches outside of the Presbyteries. A Sustentation Fund to be shared by all the congregations was built up. No person's religious opinions are questioned, nor is interference with them permitted; but each is expected to show towards others the same tolerance that he demands for himself. Tolerance and not theological subscription is our bond of union.

Our brother has indicated to the Presbytery that he has already been ordained. In the mind of a large section of the Christian Church, ordination into the Christian ministry is an initiation into the Succession which the Church holds from Apostolic times. Therefore we respect ordination which is in the historic continuity of the Christian ministry; hence the present service is not one of Ordination, but of installation only, which means placing a minister in charge of a congregation. It forms no part of my duty to debate this subject; but it is a rule confirmed by the resolution of the General Synod that ministers coming over into this Church shall be ordained, unless they have been previously ordained.

A sketch of Presbyterianism from St. Ninian and St. Kentigern and St. Columba, the latter of which was the Apostle of Scotland, who trained at Newtownards, sailed from Bangor to Iona, and whose influence remains in Scotland to this day. The Papacy never had a very strong influence in Scotland. Columba, though head of his community, was never a bishop, and from his time to that of John Knox there was a latent Presbyterianism which came to the fore under John Knox's

influence. "Out of the Romanist emerged the Reformed ministry," there was no absolute disruption. The details of Presbyterial Order were then given, including the exercise of office of Moderator of the Church Session by a Minister. No one would ever dream that His Majesty would ever try to evade the obligation or to undermine it, but that frankly and candidly he will fulfil it. May God help you and bless you in your work as a Christian congregation, proclaiming the glorious Gospel of the Blessed God.

Welcome Meeting for Rev F. Munford, B.A.

The Mountpottinger Schoolroom was very well filled on Thursday evening, March 12th, when the official welcome to Rev. F. Munford, B.A., and Mrs. Munford took place.

A number of ministers from other congregations as also those holding official positions had accepted invitations to be present, and the Mountpottinger people rallied well. The chair was occupied by Mr. E. R. Jackson, who said he was particularly pleased to welcome two natives of his own County of Yorkshire since this fact was unknown to the Church Committee when they suggested that he should preside.

Rev. A. L. Agnew, B.A., D.D., Moderator of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church, was the first speaker, and on behalf of the Church as a whole he welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Munford into their midst, expressing the hope and belief that they would find themselves in a congenial atmosphere.

Rev. J. J. Magill, B.A., Moderator of the Bangor Presbytery, followed and, whilst endorsing Dr. Agnew's remarks, expressed the hope that he would enjoy the personal friendship of the new minister and his wife to the same extent as he had that of their immediate predecessors.

Rev. R. Nicol Cross, M.A., speaking on behalf of his congregation, which was the oldest in the Belfast area, offered their sincere good wishes for a happy settlement.

Rev. W. Eakin, speaking for the membe s of the Belfast Domestic Mission, Miss Armstrong for the Ulster Branch of the Women's League, and Mr. J. H. Gilliland for the Laymen's League, one and all offered hearty good wishes.

Tea was served by the members of the Mountpottinger Branch of the Women's League, on whose behalf the President, Mrs. J. Russell, presented Mrs. Munford with a handsome piece of hand-worked Irish linen. After tea Mrs. J. Allen contributed songs, the accompanist being Mrs. L. W. M. Hay. The National Anthem terminated the proceedings.

REVIEW.

"Bibby's Annual" 1936

Retrospect and *epilogue*; This is to be the final issue of the "Annual" which for a few years has been suspended, but which was always welcomed, because of its beautiful reproductions of the choicest treasures of the Art Galleries. The central picture "The Finding of Jesus in the Temple" is in itself well worth the price of the magazine. Other gems are "Our Village," "The Sistine Madonna," "Ruth and Naomi," "Captive Andromache," "A View of Delft," "Narofiord Norway,"—to make a random selection. The veteran editor has produced a book to be prized, and kept and turned to again and again for companionship and relaxation. The articles are the fruit of a long life's experience, gleaned from a successful business career, and a wide knowledge of the world. Attached to the picture to be re-produced next month, is a note, from which this is taken: "The Man with the Muck-rake," Bunyan's description is referred to, "The Angel is waiting to place the Crown upon his head." The Crown is the symbol of royalty, and not its essence. It is bestowed on one who is already King. Every man is a sovereign in his own right. But the man in the picture is ignorant of his true greatness. ULLIN.

ULSTER UNITARIAN CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Annual Services

SUNDAY, 5TH APRIL, 1936.

Preacher: GEO. G. ARMSTRONG, Esq.

(President of the General Assembly of Unitarian and other Free Christian Churches).

Morning—BELFAST FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"WHY WE GO TO CHURCH."

Evening—HOLYWOOD 1st PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"THE FIRST COMMANDMENT OF ALL."

SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1936

8 p.m. in the

CENTRAL HALL, BELFAST

REV. DR. A. L. AGNEW, B.A. (Moderator of the N.S.P.C.I.) in the Chair, also GEO. G. ARMSTRONG (President) and others will speak.

TEA PROVIDED.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

U.U.C.A. VISITOR.

George Gilbert Armstrong, the President of the General Assembly of Unitarian and other Free Christian Churches, is coming over here as the preacher of the annual sermons of the Ulster Unitarian Association. His father was the beloved Unitarian minister, Richard Acland Armstrong, whose first charge was the church at Banbridge (1866)—later he went to Nottingham and then Liverpool—and author of those well-known books, "God and the Soul," and "Man's Knowledge of God."

His grandfather, Rev George Armstrong "proved," writes *The Inquirer*, "the quality of the family mettle by renouncing for conscience sake his incumbency in the Established Church of Ireland," and became the Unitarian minister in charge of Lewins Mead, Bristol.

His grandfather on the maternal side was the Rev. Chas. Wicksteed of Liverpool and Leeds.

Mr. Armstrong's son (also a Richard Acland Armstrong) is Principal of the English School, Barcelona.

Our Mr. Armstrong has had a very active life, being by profession a journalist and a most devoted Unitarian. He was for over two years Editor of *The Inquirer*, having previously served on the staff of eight Liberal English Dailies, including *The Liverpool Mercury* (afterwards *Liverpool Post*), *The Nottingham Express*, and the *London Daily News*. He was for a time Managing Editor of the Manchester edition of the *Daily News*, and later its assistant in London,

GEORGE GILBERT ARMSTRONG, PRESIDENT 1935-36.

But perhaps as far as we are concerned his indefatigable church labours are most appealing. He was in 1934 Chairman of a Committee appointed by the General Assembly to inquire into ways and means of bringing our various Churches into closer contact with each other Partly in recognition of his labours on that Committee, he was appointed President of the Assembly this year. I understand he is likely to have established a record during his Presidency by the number of churches he has visited (chiefly as preacher) and District Associations.

No doubt over here he will receive a hearty welcome both at the Services in Belfast and Holywood and the Annual Meeting on Monday, April 6th, with record attendances.

P.G.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

A League for Womanhood has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan, U.S.A. Objects :—

1, To promote the dignity of woman, and reverence for the sanctity of marriage and motherhood.

2, To promote the recognition of beauty and the arts as essential foundations of life.

3, To promote true brotherliness to all creatures and actively to oppose all forms of cruelty.

"These are days when—thanks be to God—personal experience in religion is coming more and more to be the test of the spiritual values in life. The noisy cycle of theological bickering and tension between personalities in the various Christian organizations is surely over. It is our earnest prayer that by the Grace of God—and I use this wonderful phrase deliberately, in a sublime, scientific and technical sense—by the Grace of God we will be able, more and more, to realise the glory of our spiritual heritage as Christians."—Rev. Edward Martin.

REPORTS.

Mountpottinger—The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday, February 19th, when Mr. Harold Thomas presided over a representative attendance.

The Treasurer's Statement showed a certain adverse balance on the year's working, but it was pointed out that such was largely due to the interior decoration of the Church buildings.

The retiring Officers and Committee were duly re-elected for the ensuing year.

Following the business a cup of tea was served and a short musical programme arranged by Mrs. Sherlock, Organist at the Domestic Mission followed. Songs were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock, and Mr. J. Gilliland, whilst little Elsie McConnell proved herself a clever elocutionist.—E.R.J.

Belfast, York Street—The Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 26th. The Treasurer's Report shows an increase in stipend during the year of £50 and an increase in collections of £28 making a total income from stipend and collections alone of £422. There is a balance in hand of £75 as against £18 at the beginning of the year. There were no Bazaars or appeals of any kind during the year and expenses were somewhat larger than usual. This realises the aim of the Committee for many years to have the Church in such a position that its expenses could be met entirely by the voluntary offerings of members and friends. The accomplishment is the more remarkable when it is remembered that in 1922 the total income from stipend and collections was just over £50. Since that time the income from rents etc, has been greatly reduced but notwithstanding the income of the Church has been trebled by the work of the members. During the present year it has been decided that no appeals of any kind are to be made from the pulpit or elsewhere and it is hoped that the total of stipend and collections may reach £500. Under the circumstances the Annual Meeting was a happy gathering. A presentation was made to Mr. Wm. Christie who is leaving to take up an important Government post in England.

Ballee—The Rev. Chas. Simpson, Minister of Treville Street, Plymouth, as accepted the call. "The Year Book" states: "Ed. Leeds Univ. 1920-23; U.C.M. 1924-28; Minister, Ringwood, 1928-31; Plymouth, 1932- ". This will be the fourth minister in one hundred and fifty years.

Holywood Women's League—The closing meeting of this branch for the present season, was held on March 9th. After the business meeting was concluded a "Kitchen Shower" in aid of the forthcoming Sale of Work was held. There was a very good attendance of members. M. Henderson, Hon. Sec.

Raloo—Hearty congratulations is extended to members of Raloo Sunday School, for their very efficient efforts at recent Musical Festivals. In the mouth organ section at Larne, Albert Larmour gained two 1st prize medals. Miss Lily Moore 80 marks and 3rd place in interpretation. Miss Mary McDowell a child of tender years procuring 77 marks in Piano playing. Other recent success were obtained in Dramatic work at the Northern Drama League and Ballymoney Festival by Miss Lily Moore, Albert Larmour and Alexander Moore.

Mountpottinger Women's League—The Branch held their monthly meeting on Monday 17th February. Mrs. Mayes of Lisburn gave a very interesting talk on the Apochrapha, she also read extracts revealing some of the activlties of women in the Church, there are more frequent references to Women's work than in our Old and New Testaments. Our speaker also read some very beautiful extracts from the Jewish Church Service Book. Mrs. Mayes seemed to have an abundance of interesting matter to deal with, but the time at her disposal allowed her only to touch upon the fringe of a deeply absorbing subject.

Mrs. John Russell presided and expressed the pleasure it afforded our members at having Mrs. Mayes to come and talk to us. At the conclusion, the Secretary thanked Mrs. Mayes on behalf of the League. K.F.

All Souls' Belfast—The special pulpit arrangements, for March were—1 Morning, Mr. P. H. Hesford.; Evening, Rev. Priestly Phillips, M.A.; 15 and 29 Rev. Roger Thomas, M.A. Your Committee would esteem it a favour if the members of the Congregation would make a special effort to attend the service on the 29th March. The Badminton Club Whist Drive was fixed for Wednesday, 25th March, in Rosemary Hall, at 7-30 p.m. The Women's League meets on the second and fourth Monday in the month in Rosemary Hall, at 3 o'clock.

Ballycarry—The Annual Evening Service of the British Women's League—(Ballycarry Branch) was held on the 3rd Sunday in Feb.,

(February 16th) in the Old Presbyterian Church, Ballycarry. The preacher was the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Agnew of York Street, Belfast. The Church was full long before the Service. Friends were there from Larne, Raloo and Cairncastle—but the very large Congregation was due in great measure to the thoughtful kindness of the minister of the neighbouring Church—who told his morning congregations that because of the special service at our Church, he himself would hold no service in the evening. Dr. Agnew chose for his text the words from the Psalms—"The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God," the preacher's treatment of his subject, was quite unusual, thoroughly modern and thought provoking—at the same time while giving keen pleasure in listening—satisfying to the spiritual needs of his hearers. As is well known the Moderator has the rare gift of making attractive and interesting and simplyfying many of the difficult religious questions that so many people are thinkiag about to-day.

The choir sang the anthem "The Lord is my Shepherd" very creditably, also the Misses Wilson rendered a duet, entitled "Beside Blue Galilee" their voices blending most harmoniously, and Mrs. Willie Steele of Belfast, whose singing is much appreciated at many concerts throughout the district sang a solo. Mr. W. P. Campbell of Whitehead, was at the Carnegie organ, and it was Mr. Campbell who so generously gave of his time in the training of the choir.

It ought to be said of this Ballycarry Branch of the League, of which Miss Service is the president and Mrs. Willie Millar the secretary, that it wholeheartedly continues its good work in supporting the Church here to the best of its powers. At the close of the Service, refreshments were provided in the League Room for visitors.

First Presbyterian Church, Belfast – The Sunday School Prize Distribution took place on February 26th, when after opening Devotions a short Programme was given and much enjoyed by a large array of children and friends. The following contributed items: Pearl Johnston, Ruth Wilson, Dorothy Wood, Misses Beattie and Bridgett, Kathleen Martin, Peggy Elms, Margaret and Harold McCafferty. Prizes were distributed by Mr. H. J. F. Orr who among other historical facts informed us that the Centenary of the School will fall on January 28th, 1938. Mr. Orr is full of antiquarian lore about our churches. Special Prizes for perfect attendance were gained by Isobel Green, Celia Green. Rhoda Ellis, Jim McCullough and Willie McMurray, and we congratulate them and their parents on the achievement. The rest of the evening was spent hilarously in games. Miss Allison Kennedy acted as accompanist. The most interesting feature of the occasion was the presentation by Kathleen Martin, the youngest scholar, on behalf of the School, of a Smoker's Cabinet to Mr. Robert McCrum, its beloved Superintendent. Mr. McCrum, who was deeply touched by the general demonstation of regard told us that it is past 21 years since he accepted the post of Superintendent for 3 months, and he is in it still! no one could set a better example to scholars and admirers of devotion to the task then undertaken; it has been a joy to him and his golden age is enriched by the evidence that his labours have not been in vain in the Lord.

The arrangements were in the hands of the School Secretary, Mr. Andrew McNeill.

The Junior Section of the Rosemary Dramatic Society gave a Concert in the Central Hall, which was well filled, on Feb., 13th, and it reflected much credit on the training of the children by Miss McKelvey, A.L.C.M., and Miss Jean Newman. There were two short Plays, and miscellaneous items, all of which secured a very good reception from the audience. The latter was contributed by Misses B. Beattie, M. Bridgett, Dorothy Wood, Peggy Elms, Master Harold McCafferty and other children in "Teaching Dolly to Read." A special feature was the Violin playing of Miss Eileen Moore, whose future will be followed with interest. Mrs. W. Newman kindly gave the piano accompaniments with her usual skill and understanding, and a telegram of Good Wishes from Mrs. Eveling (Nan Newman), now settled in London, who formerly trained the Juniors, revived happy recollections and showed she was still with us in spirit.

The following Resolution was passed by the Church committee at its meeting on March 6th:—"The Committee of the First Church learns with pleasure that 21 years have elapsed since Mr. Robert McCrum undertook the Superintendentship of the Sunday School; it desires to place on record its sense of the fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of the position, as well as of other offices in the Church, to express its appreciation of his character and work and its united Good Wishes to him and Mrs. McCrum for the years ahead." R N.C.

Banbridge—Special Services were held here on Sunday, March 8th, under the auspices of the British League of Unitarian Women, the services being most ably conducted by Mrs. Eustance Thompson, and the collections were on behalf of the Children's Hospital, Belfast. Mrs. Stevenson presided at the organ and the choir led the service of praise with much feeling. In the evening visitors came from Dromore and were entertained later to tea, dispensed by the ladies of the congregation. The local press gave prominent notice of the morning service from which is culled the following. "Mrs. Thompson, who is an attractive speaker, spoke on the subject "Parables," at the morning service, selecting as her text 'I will incline mine ear unto a parable' (Ps. XLIX : 4.) She went on to discuss the parables of the Scripture and also parables from modern authors. A parable was a divine truth explained by common things. She referred to pictures by famous painters, which were really parables in themselves. Christ often asked questions when teaching and the modern method now was to draw out and not cram as in former days. Children were taught to use their brains, and there were all kinds of devices such as the cinema, radio and gramophone to make schooling a pleasure. Mrs. Thompson read several interesting parables by modern writers.

At the evening service Mrs. Thompson delivered a devotional and inspiring address on "Prayer" from the text 'When ye pray, say Father.'

This is the first time the League has held services in Banbridge and they were very much appreciated.

Comber Unitarian Church.—There was a very large attendance of members when the annual meeting of the congregation was held on February 25th. The chair was taken by the Chairman of Committee, the Right Hon. J. M. Andrews, D.L., M.P. The Treasurer's report was read by Lord Justice Andrews. Despite heavy losses from failure of investments, the accounts of the church showed a small credit balance. The funds of the various societies were all flourishing, and all the reports were considered satisfactory. The Sunday School is in a prosperous way, with plenty of keen and enthusiastic teachers. Thanks were given to the Sunday School teachers, the choir, and choirmaster, the Minister and his wife. Appreciation of the generous hospitality of Lord Justice and Mrs. Andrews was expressed. A musical programme, under the direction of Mr. W. Munn, the choirmaster, was given. All the items were rendered by members of the choir and the Rev. J. Glynne Davies. The singing of the National Anthem concluded a satisfactory and enjoyable evening.

Among the various activities of the Church there have been two outstanding events lately. On February 29th, a Leap Year Party was held. There were over 100 guests, and the proceeds of the evening were handed over for church funds from the Young People's Society. On March 16th a splendid cine' show was given in the Schoolroom, which was filled to capacity. The films had been taken and were shown by Mrs. W. Anderson, of Belfast. Journeys to America and New York were shown—Ulster districts, including Comber, as seen from the air; Belfast Zoo, the launching of the "Royal Ulsterman," "The Mists and Sunshine of Ulster" was a most beautiful section. Lord and Lady Craigavon were interested members of the audience. The Rev. J. Glynne Davies welcomed the audience, and thanked them for their support. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Anderson was proposed by the Right Hon. J. M. Andrews, and was passed enthusiastically by acclamation by the very appreciative audience.

Clough.—The Non,Subscribing Presbyterian Church held its annual Sabbath School prize distribution and social on Friday, 13th March, in the Church Hall, kindly lent for the occasion by the Presbyterian Kirk Session. After tea 35 prizes were presented, and Mrs. Shaw Brown, in making the presentation, in a short speech, hoped that the scholars would find pleasure and instruction in reading their books, and that long years afterwards the books would remind them of their Sabbath School days at Clough. The minister (Rev. James Shaw Brown) occupied the chair at the concert given by the scholars. In his introductory remarks he congratulated the teacher (Miss Molly Hay) on the increase in the number of scholars on the roll, and spoke in high praise of her long and faithful services as the

senior teacher. The programme was a long one, consisting of songs, recitations and dances by the following — Madge Kirkpatrick, Nan M'Coubrey, Elsie and Stanley Nelson, Norman Nelson, Sylvia Kirkpatrick, Dolly Logan, Carol Wilson, Tom Kirkpatrick, Mary M'Coubrey, Sadie and Lily Newell and Cyreno Nelson, Martha and Joyce Murtagh, Mrs. Frank Wilson, Matthew Kirkpatrick, Georgina and Eileen Kirkpatrick, closing with a tambourine song by all the girls. Mr. Hugh Shaw, secretary, proposed, at the close, a hearty vote of thanks, especially to Miss Vera Nelson and Miss Madge Kirkpatrick, who had arranged the programme and acted as accompanists on the piano. Mr. Anthony Donnan proposed, and Mr. Wm. Kirkpatrick seconded a vote of thanks to the Presbyterian Kirk Session for their generous use of the Church Hall, and the meeting was brought to a close with the National Anthem.

WARRENPOINT AND THE KING'S SPEECH.

The service in the Warrenpoint Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon last was conducted by the Rev. John M'Cleery, B.A., S.T.M., who referred to the loss the congregation had sustained by the death of a venerable soul — Mr. John White—a former sexton of the church for many years, and extended sympathy to the bereaved, the congregation standing for a few moments as a mark of respect.

Instead of preaching a sermon, the minister kindly brought his radio receiver, and those present were enabled to listen-in to the King's speech, which was particularly clear and distinct.

At the conclusion of the speech, the congregation joined in the singing of "God Save the King" simultaneously with the broadcast from London.

The innovation in this 17th century church was much appreciated by the members, who complimented the Rev. Mr. M'Cleery on his foresight in having the instrument installed and enabling the congregation to listent to a speech that was heard with keen interest by millions.—"Newry Telegraph."

General Purposes Committee meets on the third Tuesday, i.e , April 21st.

— The Unitarian and —
Free Christian Laymen's League.

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BELFAST CHAPTER

meets in the CENTRAL HALL, ROSEMARY STREET, at 8 p.m., Third Thursday of the month, October to May, inclusive.

OBJECTS (inter alia).

To encourage laymen to take a more active part in the work of the Churches.

To form a bond of union and closer co-operation between the members of the various congregations.

The Committee invite those who are not all ready members to join. The minimum subscription is 2/6, and further particulars may be obtained from—

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BELFAST DOMESTIC MISSION.

The Rev. W. Priestley Phillips, M.A., of Mill St. Mission, Liverpool, accepted the Committee's invitation to preach the annual sermons on behalf of the funds of the Mission on Sunday, March 1st.

Apart from the morning congregation at First Church, the attendances were disappointing. Out of over 690 stipend payers in our City Churches alone, less than 100 people subscribe to the excellent work carried on so devotedly by the Missioner and his faithful band of helpers.

Those who attended the meetings were treated to discourses of high spiritual value and deep sincerity.

Mr. Priestley Phillips took as his morning subject, "The Human Hands of God," and finding his inspiration in line from the 109th Psalm and the 4th chapter of Acts, the preacher showed how through the art of the sculptor, the painter, the poet and the musician the healing, guiding, inspiring and upholding power of God's hands has been interpreted through the ages, and then showed how we, in our own way, could interpret God to others by holding out guiding hands to the young, sympathetic hands to the downcast and despairing, and healing hands to the sick and sorrowing.

This theme he further developed in his afternoon address at the mission, showing how all life could be transfigured by following in the footsteps of Jesus, giving sympathy and help to all around us. Afterwards he held the children enthralled with the story of the search for the Holy Grail.

In the evening at All Souls his appeal was to Youth to treat life as a great adventure; to face life's storms with courage, and to realise that God had put them into the world with a sacred trust to keep, a noble work to do and a definite duty to be performed.

At the annual meeting Mr. Phillips contrasted the conditions of his work in Liverpool and the work done at Stanhope Street. He said that it was a remarkable fact that over 100 years ago the founder of domestic missions should have had this idea of a universal church in the midst of poverty, a church where there should be preaching and service without reference to sect or politics

Rev. R. Nicol Cross, M.A., presided at this meeting, and moved the adoption of the reports presented by Mrs. E. R. Jackson, Mrs. Leith, and Rev. W. Eakin, and the balance sheet prepared by Mr. J. Mackenzie, and other resolutions were in the hands of Miss Armstrong, Mr. Hugh Erskine (Bournemouth), Rev. G. V. Crook, Rev. W. Eakin, and Miss Montgomery.

ETHEL M. JACKSON, Hon. Sec.

Under the auspices of the Social Club a successful concert was held on 21st, when an entertaining programme, in which members of the Club, assisted by visiting artists, was presented to a large audience. The proceeds will be devoted to club activities. The Sunday School pupils were resolved not to allow the seniors to have all the innings, and so arranged a children's concert, the second this session. The entire programme was given by the pupils under the instruction and direction of the teachers. Parents and friends were delighted with the various items, the rendering of which reflected credit on both pupils and teachers. The funds derived from this source will be used to promote the work of the Children's Swimming Club. The Debating and Literary Society, which is nearing the end of the present session, has had the assistance of two visiting speakers during the month — Mr. Donaldson on "Human Freedom" and Mr. Henderson on "The Religious Aspects of Social Credit." Both subjecs were followed by keen discussion, and hearty thanks were accorded the speakers for their excellent addresses. The visit of Rev. Priestley Phillips, M.A., to the Mission on Sunday afternoon, 1st March, when he gave a most helpful address to parents and children, was greatly appreciated

We heartily congratulate Miss Montgomery, leader of the Girls' Clubs, and her pupils on the splendid success achieved in the Musical Festival when they won the Silver Cup for verse-speaking.

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OBITUARY.

Andrew Morrow, Ballymorran, Killinchy.

On Monday, February 3rd, 1936, Mr. Andrew Morrow, eldest son of Mr. John Morrow, Ballymorran, Killinchy, died at the County Infirmary, Downpatrick, of septic poisoning. His health had been much run down for some time, while other members of the family had suffered from ill-health. Much sympathy was felt for Mr. John Morrow and the family under the trying circumstances which they had lately experienced. The funeral took place from his father's residence on Thursday, February 6th, 1936, in the presence of a very large gathering to pay the last respects to a young man who was highly respected on account of more than usually genial qualities. His remains were buried in the New Meeting House Green, Killinchy, Rev. D. J. Williams officiating in the home, and Rev. D. J. Williams and Rev. J. G. Davies at the graveside.

Ellen J. Hill.

It is with deep regret we record the passing of Mrs. Hill, widow of Robert Hill, which took place at 47 Martinez Avenue, Belfast, the residence of her son-in-law and her daughter, Mrs. Kidd, after a very short illness. Mrs. Hill will be deeply missed not only in the house where her intelligence, brightness and keen interest in the educational welfare and progress of her grandchildren were a constant help and encouragement, but also among her friends and at the First Presbyterian Church, Rosemary Street. Here for 22 years she has been a regular worshipper and highly respected member, deeply interested in her church and all its concerns. In it she found the spiritual centre of her life, and it meant much to her, hence the strength of her loyalty. She was active in the various Women's Organisations, the League of which she was one of the original members, the Needlework Guild, and the World Service League which makes garments for patients in hospitals. She was also a friend of the Sunday School. She remained alert in mind and active in spite of her 79 years, and her entrance into the life behind the veil withdraws one from the fellowship of the Church who set an example of Christian weal and character worthy of imitation, and whose presence at our meetings will be constantly missed. To her daughter, Mrs. Kidd, and all the members of her family the sympathy of the Church goes out. The mass of beautiful wreaths that filled the room where she lay in that sleep of death, which is perfect peace, attested the affection and regard in which she was held.

Mr. Samuel Blair Stuart.

The Raloo congregation has sustained a great loss in the passing on the 29th February of Mr. Samuel Blair Stuart in his 67th year.

Born at Carneal, he had had a lifelong association with the Sunday School and Church. He was a most loyal and devoted member of the congregation, a trustee, and leading member of committee. At the time of his passing he was secretary to the congregation, a position he fulfilled with great devotion for a period of twenty years.

Mr. Stuart was a man of fine upright character, intelligent and shrewd, of a very kindly nature, and took a keen interest in the problems of the day.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his widow and two daughters in their sad bereavement.

The funeral on Monday, 2nd March, to Loughmorne was large and representative of the people of the district.

The service in the house and at the graveside was conducted by Rev. John M'Cleery, Rev. Alfred Turner, and Rev. J. M'Cleery, B.A., Newry.

THE QUINN CHARITY.

Omission in March Issue.

We regret that through inadvertence we omitted to acknowledge the article in March number on "The Quinn Charity" to that widely circulated and up-to-date newspaper, *The Newry Telegraph*. We need not assure the *Telegraph* that no discourtesy was intended, and we are much obliged to *The Newry Telegraph* for allowing us to use the article and many other concessions in this respect.—[ED.]

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